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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
APRIL 6, 1976:

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NEW ON THE SITUATION IN LEBANON --
PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE FACT THAT YOU HAD YESTER-
DAY NO HARD EVIDENCE. I THINK THE WORD WAS "HARD" --
CONFIRMED EVIDENCE --

A. CONCRETE.

Q. -- CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF SYRIAN INTERVENTION. DO YOU
HAVE ANY EVIDENCE NOW OF SYRIAN INTERVENTION INTO
LEBANON?

A. I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD FROM YESTERDAY. I HAVE NO
CHANGE.

Q. ABOUT A MONTH AGO I ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF AROUND 600 CUBANS IN ANOTHER PART
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OF AFRICA, SOMALIA. YOU TOOK THE QUESTION ABOUT FOUR
TIMES, AND NOW A MONTH LATER THERE HAVE BEEN SOME MORE

PUBLISHED REPORTS SAYING ABOUT THE SAME THING. DO YOU
HAVE ANY FURTHER CONFIRMATION OR NON-CONFIRMATION?

A. WE HAVE JUMPED AROUND. LET ME JUST TRY TO WRAP IT
UP. WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT ARE REPORTS THAT

HAVE INDICATED WITHIN THE PAST YEAR THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN AS MANY AS A DOZEN COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, AND IN QUANTITIES VARYING FROM A SMALL NUMBER OF ADVISERS TO THE THOUSANDS OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA.

MY UNDERSTANDING AT THE PRESENT TIME IS THAT IT IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE CONGO, WHOSE CAPITAL IS BRAZZAVILLE; GUINEA, AND GUINEA-BISSAU, AS WELL AS IN ANGOLA.

NOW, IN ADDITION, THERE HAVE BEEN UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF THE ARRIVAL OF CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL, IN ADDITION TO SOMALIA AND MOZAMBIQUE, OF WHICH WE HAVE SPOKEN HERE TODAY, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, MOZAMBIQUE, SOMALIA; AND ALSO THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF ARRIVAL OF CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SOUTH YEMEN. THAT IS THE WRAPUP THAT I HAVE. I DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING BEYOND THAT.

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